**American Literature Vocabulary Unit 1B**

Define the following words AND write a sentence using each. The word should be used correctly.

1. Caterwaul (v):
2. Chimerical (adj):
3. Hierarchy (n):
4. Mirage (n):
5. Noisome (adj):
6. Oblivious (adj):
7. Quasi (adj):
8. Ribald (adj):
9. Supine (adj):
10. Vignette (n):

**Synonyms: Pick 5 vocabulary words and write a synonym for each. Write both words down please.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Fill in the blank with the correct vocabulary word**

1. If you think that the literature of earlier ages was always staid and proper, take at look at some of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stories in the *Decameron*, written more than 600 years ago.
2. Failure in itself is no disgrace, but the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ acceptance of failure certainly is.
3. Since the Smithsonian Institution is only partly under the control of the United States government, it is considered a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ governmental institution.
4. The newspaper published a series of charming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by my Aunt Alice- brief sketches of the town she grow up in.
5. I think that the critic was a little harsh when he observed that the band’s lead vocalist did not sing so much as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Cynics may say that the goal of universal and lasting peace is no more than a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but we must continue to hope and strive for it.
7. As late as the seventeenth century, researchers called “alchemists” devoted their lives to the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ schemes for turning iron into gold.
8. She used talent, charm, energy and determination to fight her way up the corporate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until she attained the highest position in the company.
9. Polluted by the spill from a nearby chemical plant, that once beautiful lake had become a foul pool, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and hideous.
10. As a rule, I am not a particularly proud or combative person, but I cannot be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the fact that you have deliberately insulted me.

**Antonyms: Choose the vocabulary word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the italicized word or expression in the given phrase. Write the answer on the line.**

1. Nauseated by the *pleasant* odor
2. Placed in a *perpendicular* position
3. Seemed *mindful* of the chaos all around
4. Tempted by the idea of *complete* retirement
5. Has a *realistic* vision of the future

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_